(c) The newspaper report refers to issue of FM Radio Jincences to private agencies. The Government have decided to allow 100% Indian owned companies .to set up 108 FM Radio Stations in 40 cities in the first phase, which will supplement and not replace the services being provided fey All India Radio. The basic objective behind licencing the private FM Stations is to give radio listeners more choice *by* making available more programmes with localized flavour in terms of content and relevance, in addition to generating employment opportunity by bringing the private sector resources to the Radio Broadcasting sector.

Irregularities and bungling m Patna Doordarshan Kendra

† 842. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSH1K:
PROF. RAM GOPAL Y ADAV:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether large scale irregularities are being committed in the Doordarshan Kendra, Patna and large scale financial bungling has also taken place there;

(b) whether Government have also conducted any investigation into the present state of affairs and functioning of the Doordarshan Kendra, Patna; *if* so, the result of me investigation ; and

(c) the names of the persons against whom Government have taken action as per the outcome of the investigation-together with the kind of action taken?

THE MINISTER OFSTATE IN THE MINISTRY OFINFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JATTLEY): |a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise

Comprehensive Review of Prasar B ha rati

843. SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the review Committee headed by Mr. N.R. Narayanamurthy had famed out a comprehensive review of Prasar Bharati and made some recommendations to streamline the working and structure of the Corporation;

(b) if so, whether the recommendations have been examined;

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.